

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING
DANE KOPP FOR WINNING THE
BOYS' DIVISION I STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Dane Kopp showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and
Whereas, Dane Kopp was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Dane Kopp always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Dane Kopp on winning the Boys' Division I State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.

HONORING RODNEY AMES

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Rodney Alexander Ames of Liberty, Missouri. Rodney is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1134, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Rodney has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Rodney has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Rodney Alexander Ames for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

**JULIA M. CARSON POST OFFICE
BUILDING**

SPEECH OF

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a great American, a colleague and most importantly, a friend. Julia Carson made a career of serving the public and was a tireless fighter for the working men and women of Indiana. Representative Carson worked her way up to become a prominent member of Congress and achieved extraordinary goals by overcoming a difficult childhood and beating the odds. Though I am unable to physically vote on this bill, I am honored and humbled to support the dedication of the "Mapleton Annex Post Office," in Indianapolis, IN, to Representative Carson.

This lifelong public servant will be remembered for her rise from poverty, her fighting spirit, and her great accomplishments, including her political victories. Among these achievements, Carson led Congress to pass a measure awarding Rosa Parks the Congressional Gold Medal, and she also cosponsored with Senator RICHARD LUGAR legislation to remove bureaucratic bottlenecks on child health insurance.

Carson was the first African American to represent the 7th District and the second African-American woman elected to Congress from Indiana, after the late representative Katie Hall. Congresswoman Carson's memory and legacy will live on through her grandson ANDRE CARSON, now representing the 7th Congressional District of Indiana.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to have known Congresswoman Carson and this dedication to her is a tangible reminder to the Indiana community of her legacy and political success.

**THE NEED FOR THE PASSAGE OF
AN EXTENSION OF THE R&D TAX
CREDIT**

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Mr. McCAUL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to bring attention to the need for this Congress to act to reauthorize the expired Research and Development Tax Credit. The failure of Congress to extend this credit before the end of last year has created an uncertain environment for American companies that have used this provision in the past to fund the research needed to maintain our economic advantage in the global market.

A good example of how this impacts real companies is Applied Materials. This company in my district invests over \$1 billion in research per year. Without this tax credit, they expect their tax burden to increase by nearly \$10 million. Although this is a small percentage of that \$1 billion investment, that amount helps employ a lot of people in my district.

Again, I ask that Congress take action to restore this important tax credit and not to jeopardize American jobs and economic competitiveness.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF JOSEPH
D. GAMBOA**

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a fallen Guam son, United States Army SSG Joseph D. Gamboa, 34, from the village of Malesso. Staff Sergeant Gamboa was assigned to B Company, 1st Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, in Vilseck, Germany, and was killed in the line of duty on March 25, 2008, in Baghdad, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Staff Sergeant Gamboa is the 25th serviceman from Micronesia to lose his life in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi

Freedom. In honoring Staff Sergeant Gamboa, we are reminded of the ultimate sacrifice that so many young people in our Nation have made for our freedom.

Staff Sergeant Gamboa's dedication to serving our Nation and defending our freedom will be forever remembered. He now joins the brotherhood of heroes, a long line of soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and coast guardsmen who have put their country before themselves and who have lost their lives in combat. We owe a debt of gratitude to these men and women that can never truly be repaid.

Staff Sergeant Gamboa was a loving husband, father, son, and brother. He was a dedicated family man who adored his family and would do anything for them. He joined the Army to provide a good life for his children and out of a sense of duty to his country. He is also remembered by his fellow soldiers as a wonderful friend who had a great sense of humor and who loved to sing.

I join our Guam community in mourning and in prayer for Staff Sergeant Gamboa. I offer my condolences to his wife Michelle, their children Krystianna Mychaila, Austin Joseph, Ashton Joseph, Savannah Joelle, Avery Joseph, and Isabella Jomia, his parents Francisco and Cecilia Gamboa, his brothers, sisters, and extended family and friends.

God bless the Gamboa family, God bless our men and women in uniform, God bless Guam, and God bless our country, the United States of America.

**HONORING ARENAC COUNTY,
MICHIGAN ON ITS 125TH ANNI-
VERSARY**

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Arenac County, Michigan on its 125th anniversary. On Friday, April 11th, I will be in Omer, Michigan to join local leaders and residents of the county at Arenac County's quasicentennial kickoff celebration.

Located at the bottom of Saginaw Bay on Lake Huron, the area we now know as Arenac County was recognized more than 500 years ago as an ideal place for settlement by Native Americans. The Rifle and AuGres Rivers made excellent fishing and canoeing routes for the Ottawa Indians and eventually early European settlers. It is these rivers and other abundant natural resources that have sustained the area these many years.

Arenac County is rich in Native American history because of its abundance of hard chert and flint for arrowheads. Later, it was also an ideal location for European settlers. Most early settlers came from Canada, starting with the Scottish and English, and later people of French descent. Later came Germans, followed by Polish, Slavic and Balkan natives.

The county traces much of its 125-year history to its logging roots. Michigan's logging industry developed around Michigan's white pine and hardwoods and the county was at the heart of it. In addition to abundant forest lands, Arenac County was ideally situated as a conduit to the lake for shipping lumber. The county also was the location of a 19th century summer resort hotel, to which guests arrived